THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The details of the purchases of DMS and Ankle Boots made by the Armed Forces during 1989-90 to 1991-92 are as under:—

Service	DMS		Ankle Boots	
	Qty.	Cost	Qty.	Cost
Army	390785	Rs. 7.43 Cr.	363525	Rs. 5.54 Cr.
Air Force	207700	Rs. 3.71 Cr.	52100	Rs. 0.73 Cr.
Navy	Nil	Nil	75500	Rs. 1.87 Cr.

(b) Sixteen defect reports involving a qty of 68 pairs were received from the Army HQrs. No complaints from the Air Force or the Navy have been received.

(c) No Sir. On the contrary bulk of the qualities procured have been from Ordnance Factories or Public Sector Undertakings.

(d) Does not arise.

Posts of Chargemen Grade II (T) and Grade I (T)

3862. SHRI PRAKASH YASHWANT AMBEDKAR: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any reservation for the post of Chargemen Grade II (T) and Grade I (T);

(b) if so, the number of candidates appointed to these posts either by direct recruitment or by promotion; and

(c) if not, when Government propose to fill up the posts?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Visit of Defence Team to Singapore

3863. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high powered defence delegation from India led by the Minister of Defence visited Singapore recently to participate in the Asian Aerospace Exhibition;

(b) if so, the composition of the delegation and the period of their stay, and

(c) what is the outcome of the visit in relation to the Indian Air Force?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Raksha Mantri, alongwith a small team of officials of Ministry of Defence and Air Force visited Singapore to witness the Asian Aerospace Exhibition, from Feb. 24 to 27, 1992.

(c) The visit, provided an opportunity to see the state-of-theart Defence equipments; attract attention of potential collaborators to our own production facilities and to initiate a dialogue with the Government of Singapore in areas of mutual interest.

Use of Aircraft by Defence Minister

3864. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the date-wise and journey-wise details of the special aircraft used by the Defence Minister so far; separately;

(b) the purpose for each such use separately; and

(c) the expenditure incurred in each such case, separately?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) The Defence Minister uses Service aircraft in discharge of his functions. Divulging the purpose of each journey and other details would not be in public interest.

Building of Restaurant in Kanpur Cantonment

3865. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Defence Ministry has given clearance to Kanpur Cantonment Board to utilise